As regards category (iii), 1487 applications were received in time, out of which 661 applications have been rejected, while pension has so far been sanctioned in 42 cases. A Non-officials Committee has been set up to scrutinise cases pertaining to the Arya Samaj Movement.

Recommendations by non-Congress Chief Ministers on terms of reference for the ninth Finance Commission

30. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the non-Congress Chief Ministers at a meeting held in Bangalore on the 11th January, 1988, had recommended to the Government of India new terms of reference for the 9th Finance Commission; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) There were press reports about the deleberations in the meeting of non-Congress(I) Chief Ministers held in Bangalore on 11th January, 1988. Subsequently, on 30th January, 1988, the non-Congress(I) Chief Ministers met the Prime Minister and handed over to him a memorandum including an alternative terms of reference for the Ninth Finance Commission. The Memorandum *inter-alia* suggested change in the terms of reference to Finance Commission dealing with normative approach to expenditure, consideration of all revenue expenditure, including plan expenditure, Additional Duties of Excise on Goods of special importance, grants in lieu of tax on railway passenger fares, debt position of States and relief expenditure.

As indicated by the Prime Minister in the meetings, this was referred to the Ninth Finance Commission. The Commission have sent their comments. These are being considered.

Violence by GNLF Activists

31. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the past few months the GNLF activists have resorted to violence, arson and killings to press Gorkhaland demand;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the estimated loss of life and property so far and also the number of CRPF jawans killed; and

(c) what action has been taken by the Central Government to contain the unlawful and violent activities of the GNLF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Production, Export and Import of raw silk

32. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of raw silk in the country during the last three years;

(b) what was the quantum of raw silk export during these years alongwith the names of countries to which it was exported and also the quantum of foreign exchange earnings on this account during the above period; and